

# Operating/Service Instructions

## ROTARY MOWER

### IMPORTANT

### SAFE OPERATION PRACTICES - WALK BEHIND MOWERS

#### Model Nos.

112-890-033, 112-892-033,  
112-894-033, 112-900-033,  
& 112-902-033

#### TRAINING

1. Read the Operating and Service Instruction Manual carefully. Be thoroughly familiar with the controls and proper use of the equipment.
2. Never allow children to operate a power mower.
3. Keep the area of operation clear of all persons, particularly small children, and pets.

#### PREPARATION

1. Thoroughly inspect the area where the equipment is to be used and remove all stones, sticks, wire, bones and other foreign objects.
2. Do not operate equipment when barefoot or wearing open sandals. Always wear substantial footwear.
3. Check fuel before starting engine. Do not fill gasoline tank indoors, when engine is running, or while engine is still hot. Wipe off any spilled gasoline before starting engine.
4. Disengage self-propelled mechanism or drive clutch on units so equipped before starting engine (motor).
5. Never attempt to make a wheel height adjustment while engine (motor) is running.
6. Mow only in daylight or in good artificial light.
7. Never operate equipment in wet grass. Always be sure of your footing; keep a firm hold on the handle and walk; never run.

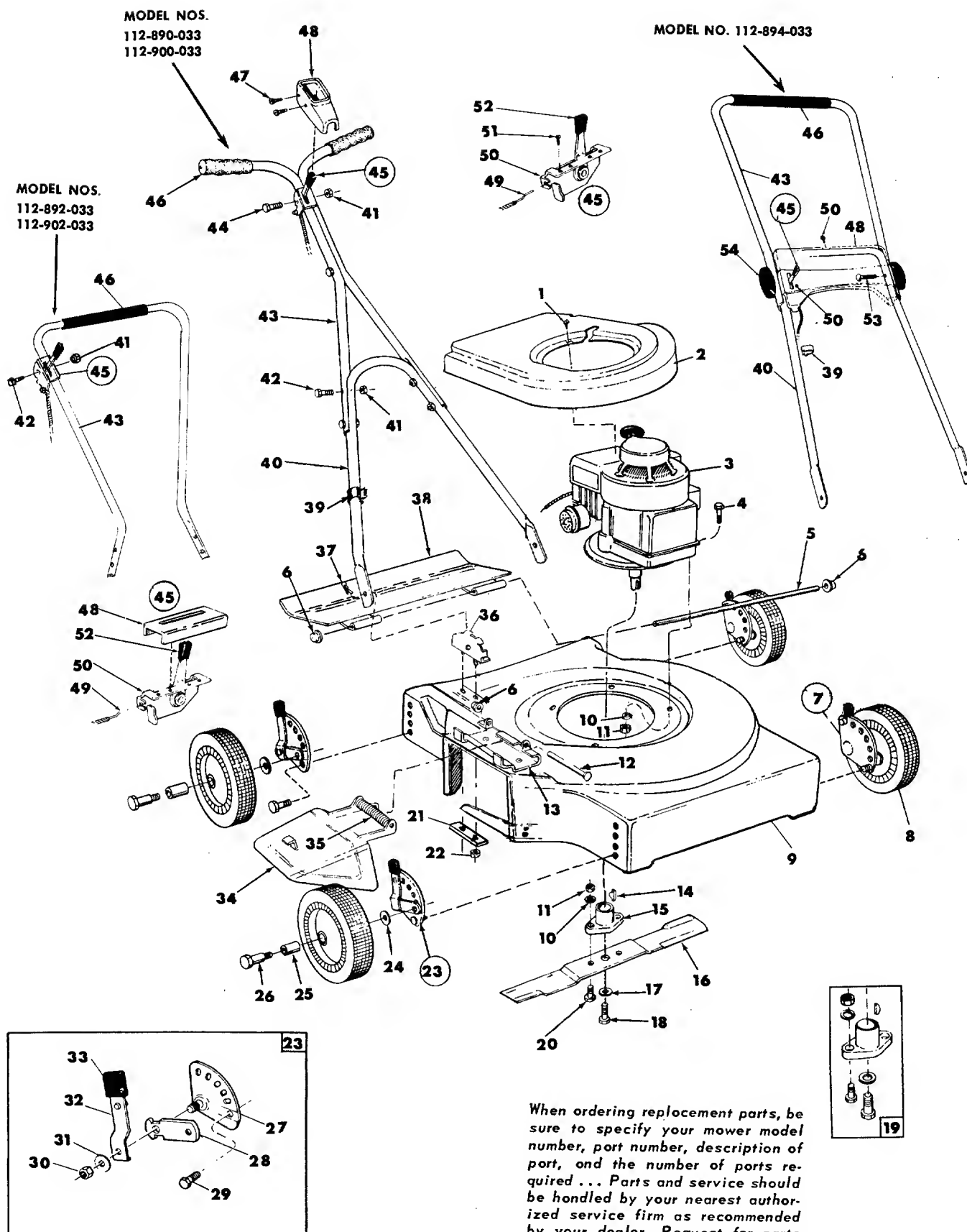
#### OPERATION

1. Do not change engine governor settings or overspeed engine.
2. Do not put hands or feet near or under rotating parts. Keep clear of discharge opening at all times.
3. Stop blade(s) when crossing gravel drive, walks or roads.
4. After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove wire from spark plug, thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

5. If the equipment should start to vibrate abnormally, stop the engine (motor) and check immediately for the cause. Vibration is generally a warning of trouble.
6. Stop engine (motor) whenever you leave the equipment, before cleaning mower housing, and when making any repairs or inspections.
7. When cleaning, repairing or inspecting, make certain blade and all moving parts have stopped. Disconnect spark plug wire and keep wire away from plug to prevent accidental starting.
8. Do not run engine (motor) indoors.
9. Shut engine (motor) off and wait until blade comes to a complete stop before removing grass catcher and/or unclogging chute.
10. Mow across the face of slopes, never up-and-down. Exercise extreme caution when changing direction on slopes. Do not mow excessively steep slopes.
11. Always disconnect electric mowers (line operated) before cleaning, repairing, or adjusting.
12. Never operate mower without proper guards, plates or other safety protective devices in place.
13. Keep washout ports and other mower housing service openings closed when mowing.

#### MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE

1. Check blade and engine mounting bolts at frequent intervals for proper tightness.
2. Keep all nuts, bolts, and screws tight to be sure equipment is in safe working condition.
3. Never store equipment with gasoline in the tank inside of a building where fumes may reach an open flame or spark. Allow engine to cool before storing in any enclosure.
4. To reduce fire hazard keep engine free of grass, leaves or excessive grease.
5. Check grass catcher bags frequently for wear or deterioration. Replace with new bags for safety protection.



**PARTS LIST FOR MODEL NOS. 112-890-033, 112-892-033, 112-894-033, 112-900-033 AND 112-902-033**

REF. NO.	PART NO. 112-890-033	PART NO. 112-892-033	PART NO. 112-894-033	PART NO. 112-900-033	PART NO. 112-902-033	DESCRIPTION
1	None	710-407	710-407	None	710-407	Slotted Hex Hd. Cap Scr. #8-32 x 1/2" Lg.*
2	None	10901	10877	None	10901	Engine Shroud
3	---	---	---	---	---	Engine
4	710-158	710-158	710-158	710-158	710-158	Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 5/16-24 x 1 1/4" Lg.*
5	11144	11144	11144	11145	11145	Hinge Rod
6	726-106	726-106	726-106	726-106	726-106	Push-on Flange Pinnut
7	None	10950	10950	None	10950	Wheel Height Adjustment—Complete—L.H.
8	502-9392	502-9392	502-9392	501-9392	501-9392	Wheel Assembly—Complete
9	11658	11658	11658	11659	11659	Deck Assembly
10	736-119	736-119	736-119	736-119	736-119	Spring Lockwasher 5/16" Scr.*
11	712-123	712-123	712-123	712-123	712-123	Hex Nut 5/16-24 Thd.*
12	711-555	711-555	711-555	711-555	711-555	Pivot Pin
13	11130	11130	11130	11130	11130	Adapter Plate
14	714-365	714-365	714-365	714-365	714-365	Hi Pro Key #505
15	748-189	748-189	748-189	748-189	748-189	Blade Adapter
16	742-123	742-123	742-123	742-125	742-125	Blade
17	736-217	736-217	736-217	736-217	736-217	Spring Lockwasher 3/8" Scr.—Heavy Duty
18	710-459	710-459	710-459	710-459	710-459	Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 5/16-24 x 1 1/2" Lg.—Heat Treated
19	10769	10769	10769	10769	10769	Blade Adapter Kit
20	710-117	710-117	710-117	710-117	710-117	Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 5/16-24 x 1" Lg.—Heat Treated
21	310-8405	310-8405	310-8405	310-8405	310-8405	Reinforcement Plate
22	712-107	712-107	712-107	712-107	712-107	Hex Center Locknut 1/4-20 Thd.
23	None	10951	10951	None	10951	Wheel Height Adjustment—Complete—R.H.
24	736-105	736-105	736-105	736-105	736-105	Belleville Washer
25	305-7006	305-7006	305-7006	305-7006	305-7006	Fortiflex Bearing
26	738-213	738-102	738-102	738-213	738-102	Axle Bolt
27	None	10934	10934	None	10934	Index Plate Assembly—R.H.
	None	10935	10935	None	10935	Index Plate Assembly—L.H.
28	None	10937	10937	None	10937	Pivot Bar
29	None	710-209	710-209	None	710-209	Sems Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 3/8-16 x 5/8" Lg.
30	None	712-116	712-116	None	712-116	Elastic Locknut 3/8-24 Thd.
31	None	736-219	736-219	None	736-219	Spring Washer
32	None	10949	10949	None	10949	Spring Lever Ass'y. with Knob
33	None	305-7520	305-7520	None	305-7520	Spring Lever—Knob
34	11141	11141	11141	11141	11141	Chute Deflector
35	732-253	732-253	732-253	732-253	732-253	Torsion Spring
36	310-8388	310-8388	310-8388	310-8388	310-8388	Handle Mounting Bracket Ass'y—R.H.
	310-8389	310-8389	310-8389	310-8389	310-8389	Handle Mounting Bracket Ass'y—L.H. (Not Shown)
37	714-507	714-507	714-507	714-507	714-507	Cotter Pin
38	11159	11159	11159	11167	11167	Protective Shield
39	746-145	746-145	746-128	746-145	746-145	Cable Clip
40	310-8398	310-8398	10024	310-8398	310-8398	Lower Handle
41	712-107	712-107	None	712-107	712-107	Hex Center Locknut 1/4-20 Thd.
42	710-106	710-106	None	710-106	710-106	Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 1/4-20 x 1 1/4" Lg.*
43	310-9364	310-7585	10011	310-9364	310-7585	Upper Handle
44	710-606	None	None	710-606	None	Hex Hd. Cap Scr. 1/4-20 x 1 1/2" Lg.*
45	11597	11609	11597	11597	11609	Throttle Control Assembly—Complete
46	305-7071	718-144	718-144	305-7071	718-144	Grip
47	710-148	None	None	710-148	None	Self Tap Screw #8-32 x 5/16" Lg.*
48	11608	731-180	11606	11608	731-180	Throttle Control Cover or Handle Panel
49	732-141	732-141	732-141	732-141	732-141	Conduit and Wire
50	11600	11603	11600	11600	11603	Throttle Control Bracket Assembly
51	None	None	710-407	None	None	Slotted Hex Hd. Cap Scr. #8-32 x 1/2" Lg.*
52	305-7470	305-7470	305-7470	305-7470	305-7470	Throttle Control—Knob
53	None	None	710-405	None	None	Curved Head Bolt 5/16-24 x 1 3/4" Lg.
54	None	None	305-9966	None	None	Hand Knob
55	None	None	312-7919	None	None	Scalp Plate (Not Shown)
56	None	305-9871	10568	None	305-9871	Hub Cap (Not Shown)

\* For faster service, obtain standard nuts, bolts, and washers locally. If these items cannot be obtained locally, order by part number and size as shown on parts list.

350—Highland Green )  
 393—Blue Sapphire ) *When ordering parts if color or finish is important, use the appropriate color code*  
 387—Fire Red Flamboyant ) *shown at left. (e.g. (Highland Green Finish 11658—(350) ).*

**NOTE:** This instruction manual covers various models and all accessories shown do not necessarily apply to your model mower.

The engine is not under warranty by the mower manufacturer. If repairs or service is needed on the engine, please contact your nearest authorized engine service outlet. Check the "Yellow Pages" of your telephone book under "Engines - Gasoline."

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# ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

## HANDLE ASSEMBLY FOR MODEL 112-894-033

1. Remove the loose hardware from the assembly pack. You will need a screw driver and a 5/16" wrench, either a socket as shown in figure 1 or an open end wrench.
2. Assemble the lower handle to the handle brackets as shown in figure 2.
3. Secure the handle with cotter hairpins on both sides. See figure 2.
4. Place the handle panel over the lower handle and fasten with the handle panel screw using a 5/16" wrench. See figure 3.
5. Place the upper handle over the lower handle and line up the holes as shown in figure 4.
6. Insert the curved head bolt from the inside and tighten the knob by hand. See figure 4.
7. Place the throttle control in the handle panel and assemble it with the two throttle screws using a screw driver. See figure 5.
8. Use the cable clip to fasten the throttle control wire to the lower handle.

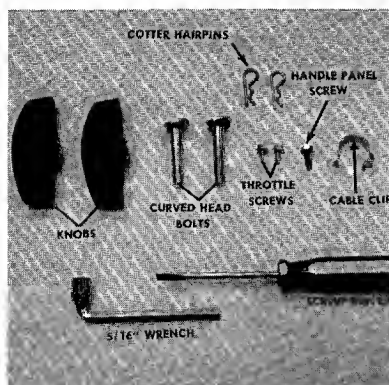


FIGURE 1. LOOSE HARDWARE AND TOOLS

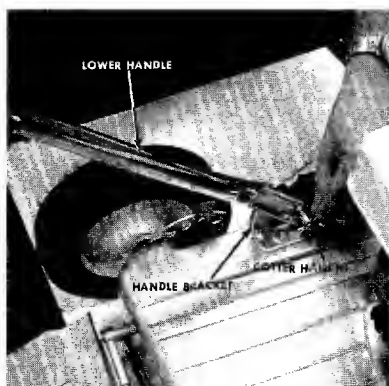


FIGURE 2. LOWER HANDLE ASSEMBLY

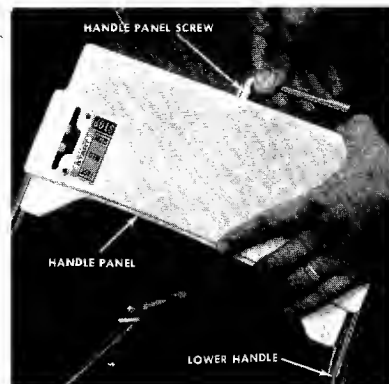


FIGURE 3. HANDLE PANEL ASSEMBLY

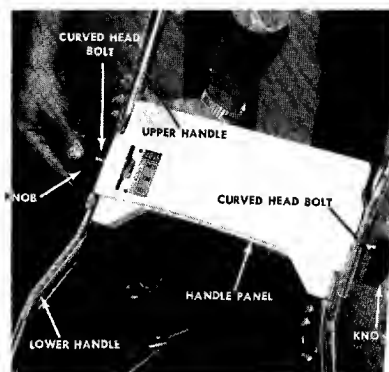


FIGURE 4. UPPER HANDLE ASSEMBLY

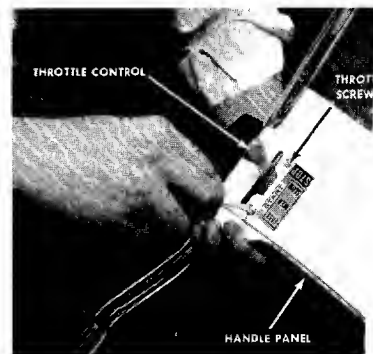


FIGURE 5. THROTTLE CONTROL ASSEMBLY

## HANDLE ASSEMBLY FOR MODELS 112-890 AND 900-033

Your new mower is shipped completely assembled with the exception of the handle and throttle control assembly.

1. Remove lawn mower and all parts from carton. Make certain that all loose parts and literature are removed from carton before carton is discarded.
2. Extend throttle control assembly, which is attached to engine, to rear of mower and place on floor. CAUTION: Do not bend or kink control wire.
3. Assemble upper handle to lower handle using four each screws and lock nuts provided in parts bag.

4. Assemble complete handle assembly to mower so that throttle control mounting hole in upper handle will be on right side. Holes at bottom of lower handle are to be fitted over studs located in front of each rear wheel mounting position.
5. Position throttle control assembly on right hand side of upper handle so that holes in control assembly and handle are in line. Secure in place with screw and lock nut found in parts bag. Secure throttle wire to lower right handle tube with clips in parts bag.
6. Place the plastic control cover over the throttle control and secure with two self-tapping screws.

#### HANDLE ASSEMBLY FOR MODELS 112-892-033 AND 112-902-033

1. Remove lawn mower and all parts from carton. Make certain that all loose parts and literature are removed from carton before carton is discarded.
2. Extend throttle control assembly, which is attached to engine, to rear of mower and place on floor. CAUTION: Do not bend or kink control wire.
3. Assemble upper handle to lower handle using four each screws and lock nuts provided in parts bag.
4. Assemble complete handle assembly to mower so that throttle control mounting hole in upper handle will be on right side. Holes at bottom of lower handle are to be fitted over studs located in front of each rear wheel mounting position.
5. Position throttle control assembly on right hand side of upper handle so that holes in control assembly and handle are in line. Secure in place with screw and lock nut found in parts bag. Secure throttle wire to lower right handle tube with clips in parts bag.

#### OPERATION

1. Service engine with gas and oil. See engine manual packed with lawn mower for complete instructions for the care and maintenance of engine. READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.
2. When ready to start engine, place throttle control lever, on handle, in "START" position and start engine in accordance with instructions in engine manual. After engine starts, move throttle control lever, on handle, to desired engine speed. The engine is stopped by placing control lever on handle in "STOP" position.
3. Be sure that lawn is clear of stones, sticks, wire or other objects which could damage lawn mower or engine. For best results and to insure more even grass distribution, do not mow when lawn is excessively wet.

#### ADJUSTMENTS

CAUTION: Do not at any time make any adjustment to lawn mower without first stopping engine and disconnecting spark plug wire.

**EASY CUTTING HEIGHT** — An adjusting plate and thumb lever at each wheel position provides cutting height adjustment. Each adjusting plate has five holes. Height of cut will be changed when the thumb lever is moved from one hole to another. Simply depress thumb lever towards wheel and move wheel and lever assembly to desired position. Cutting height will be raised as lever is moved toward front and lowered as lever is moved toward rear. All wheels must be positioned in relative height of cut positions.

**THROTTLE** — If adjustment becomes necessary, the throttle control wire assembly can be reset as follows:

1. Loosen, but do not remove, screw securing throttle control wire assembly at engine.
2. Move throttle control lever on handle to "FAST" position.
3. Move lever, to which control wire is fastened at engine, to full open position and retighten screw to secure throttle control wire assembly.

#### LUBRICATION

**IMPORTANT:** Always stop engine and disconnect spark plug wire before cleaning, lubricating or doing any kind of work on lawn mower.

**WHEELS** — Wheel bearings are fortiflex. They require no lubrication.

**THROTTLE** — Periodically lubricate throttle control lever and throttle wire assembly with a few drops of light oil (S.A.E. No. 10 or 20) for ease of operation.

**ENGINE** — Follow Engine Manual for lubrication instructions.

**PROTECTIVE SHIELD** — The pivot points on the protective shield should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding.

**CHUTE DEFLECTOR** — The torsion spring and pivot point should be lubricated periodically with light oil to prevent any rust or binding. Deflector must work freely.

#### MAINTENANCE

**CUTTING BLADE** — The blade may easily be removed for grinding or replacement as follows:

1. Remove bolt and lockwasher holding blade and blade adapter to engine crankshaft.
2. Remove blade and blade adapter from engine crankshaft.
3. Remove two bolts, lockwashers and nuts holding blade to blade adapter. (If necessary.)

When sharpening blade, follow the original angle of grind as a guide. It is extremely important that each cutting edge receives an equal amount of grinding to prevent an unbalanced blade. An unbalanced blade will cause excessive vibration when rotating at high speeds and may cause damage to the mower.

Upon reassembly, make certain all parts are assembled properly and tightened securely.

**DECK** — The underside of mower deck should be cleaned after each period of use as grass clippings, leaves, dirt and other matter will accumulate. This accumulation of grass clippings, etc., is undesirable as it will invite rust and corrosion and may cause an uneven discharge of grass clippings at the next cutting.

The deck may be cleaned by tilting the mower forward or on its left side and scraping clean with a suitable tool or by washing with a stream of water from a garden hose.

**CAUTION:** Do not direct the stream of water at a hot engine as damage to the engine may result.

**STORAGE** — The following steps should be taken to prepare lawn mower for storage.

1. Clean and lubricate mower thoroughly as described in the preceding instructions.
2. Refer to Engine Manual for correct engine storage instructions.
3. Coat mower's cutting blade with chassis grease to prevent rusting.
4. Place blocks under deck to raise tires clear of floor.
5. Store mower in a dry, clean area.

#### USING YOUR ROTARY MOWER

For best results do not cut wet grass because it tends to stick to underside of the mower thus preventing proper discharge of grass clippings. If wet grass must be cut reduce engine speed and walking speed to help distribute the clippings more effectively.

New grass should be treated as wet grass, otherwise a normal walking speed is about the right pace for efficient mowing.

The best mowing pattern is one that allows the clippings to discharge towards the uncut part of the lawn. This permits recutting of the clippings to further pulverize them. When cutting high weeds, discharge towards cut portion then recut at right angles to first direction.

5. Lawn should be cut in the fall as long as there is growth.

GRASS CATCHER Model No. 192-003 is available as optional equipment for the mowers shown in this manual.

**WARNING:**

1. The mower should not be operated without the entire grass catcher or chute deflector in place.
2. The mower should not be operated without the protective shield on the rear of the deck in place.

**NOTE:**

Under normal usage the bag material is subject to deterioration and wear and should be checked for replacement. Be sure that any replacement bag complies with the original manufacturer's specification.

For replacement bags, use only factory authorized replacement bag No. 764-119.



**IMPORTANT**

After striking a foreign object, stop the engine (motor), remove wire from spark plug. Thoroughly inspect the mower for any damage, and repair the damage before restarting and operating the mower.

**WARRANTY**

For one year from date of purchase, MTD Products Inc will replace for the original purchaser, free of charge, F.O.B. factory or authorized service firm, any part or parts found to be defective in material or workmanship. All transportation charges on parts submitted for replacement under this warranty must be paid by the purchaser. This warranty does not include replacement of parts which become inoperative through misuse, excessive use, accident, neglect, improper maintenance or alterations by unauthorized persons. This warranty does not include the engine, motor, battery, battery charger or any component parts thereof. For service on these units refer to the applicable manufacturer's warranty.

The above warranty will apply only to the original owner and will be effective only if the warranty card has been properly processed. It will not apply where the unit has been used commercially.

Warranty service is available through your local authorized service dealer or distributor. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE RETURN OF A COMPLETE UNIT BE ACCEPTED BY THE FACTORY UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED.**

# PARTS INFORMATION

## MOWER, TILLER, SNOW THROWER AND TRACTOR PARTS

Mower, tiller, snow thrower and tractor parts are available through the authorized service firms listed below. All orders should specify the model number of your unit, parts numbers, description of parts and the quantity of each part required.

**A 1 Engine & Mower Co.**  
327 East 9th Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

**American Electric Ignition Co.**  
124 N. W. 8th Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

**Auto Electric & Carburetor Co.**  
2625 4th Avenue, S.  
P. O. Box 1948  
Birmingham, Alabama 35233

**Automotive Equipment Service Co.**  
3117 Holmes Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64109

**Bailey's Rebuild Inc.**  
1325 E. Madison Street  
Seattle, Washington 98102

**Brown Equipment Distributor Inc.**  
110 Beech Street  
Corydon, Indiana 47112

**Bullard Supply**  
2409 Commerce Street  
Houston, Texas 77003

**Center Supply Company**  
6867 New Hampshire Avenue  
Takoma Park, Maryland 20012

**R. T. Clapp Co.**  
2016 Magnolia Ave., N. E.  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37917

**W. B. Clements**  
400 Salem Avenue  
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

**Morton B. Collins Co.**  
300 Birnie Avenue  
Springfield, Massachusetts 01107

**Dixie Sales Company**  
P. O. Box 1408  
327 Battleground Avenue  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27402

**East Point Cycle & Key Shop**  
1617 Whiteway  
East Point, Georgia 30044

**Gamble Distributors**  
West End Avenue  
Carthage, New York 13619

**Gerden Equipment Co., Inc.**  
6600 Cherry Avenue  
Long Beach, California 90805

**Henzler, Inc.**  
2015 Lemay Ferry Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63125

**Frank E. Ives & Son**  
1101 Lincoln Avenue  
Prospect Park, Pennsylvania 19076

**J. W. Jewett Co.**  
981 Folsom Street  
San Francisco, California 94107

**Kenton Supply**  
8216 North Denver Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97217

**Kimber's Inc.**  
615 W. Genesee Street  
Syracuse, New York 13204

**Marr Brothers**  
423 E. Jefferson  
Dallas, Texas 75203

**Methews Auto Electric Co.**  
420 East 2nd Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74120

**McClure Lawn & Garden Supply**  
1114 Lexington Avenue  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907

**Memphis Cycle & Supply Co.**  
421 Monroe Avenue  
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

## ENGINE PARTS AND SERVICE

Engine parts and service should be handled by your nearest authorized engine service firm. Check the yellow pages of your telephone directory under the listing *Engines — Gasoline*, Briggs and Stratton or Tecumseh Lauson — Power Products.

**Moz-All of Florida, Inc.**  
365 Greco Avenue  
Coral Gables, Florida 33146

**National Central, Div. of  
Joe Sterling, Inc.**  
Drawer "D" 687 Seville Rd.  
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

**Power Equipment Distributor**  
36463 So. Gratiot Avenue  
Mt. Clemens, Michigan 48043

**Parts & Sales Inc.**  
335 West St. Charles Road  
Villa Park, Illinois 60181

**Power Lawn & Garden Equip. Co.**  
2551-2571 J. F. Kennedy Road  
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

**Raub Supply Company**  
James & Mulberry Sts.  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604

**Radco Distributors**  
2403 Market Street  
P. O. Box 3216  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

**Richmond Battery & Ignition**  
P. O. Box 25369 — 957 Myers St.  
Richmond, Virginia 23260

**Smith Hardware Company**  
515 N. George Street  
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

**South Denver Lawn Equip. Co.**  
527 West Evans  
Denver, Colorado 80223

**Suhren Engine**  
8330 Earhart Blvd.  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

**Sutton's Lawn Mower Shop**  
Route 4, Box 343  
North Little Rock, Arkansas 72117

**Werner Equipment**  
7520 Lyndale Avenue, So.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55423